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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS VISIT SAIGON

1. A NUMBER OF FOREIGN PARLIAMENTARIANS HAVE VISITED SAIGON EN ROUTE TO TOKYO IPU CONFERENCE. EMBASSY TOKYO MAY WISH TO INFOR USDEL/IPU OF THE VISITS AND SUGGEST THAT THESE PARLIAMENTARIANS MIGHT BE OF ASSISTANCE SHOULD CHALLENGE OF GVN CREDENTIALS ARISE AT CONFERENCE.

2. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF VISITING LEGISLATORS:

A. JAPANESE DELEGATION: SENATOR YUKIO HAYASHIDA AND REPRESENTATIVE UICHI NODA VISITED VIET-NAM AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 1. (ANOTHER DELEGATION, HEADED BY SENATOR YOSHIKIKO TSUCHIYA, ARRIVED SEPTEMBER 28 BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER OR NOT THIS VISIT IS RELATED TO IPU CONFERENCE.)

B. TURKISH DELEGATION. REPRESENTATIVES ISMAIL HAKKI TEKINAL HEADED A GROUP OF TURKISH LEGISLATORS WHICH VISITED SAIGON
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SEPTEMBER 24-26.

C. DUTCH DELEGATION. MR. L.M. DE BEER AND MRS. N. SMIT-KROES TOURED SOUTH VIET-NAM SEPTEMBER 17-24. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WERE MOST IMPRESSED BY APPARENT STRENGTH OF GVN AND THE DEGREE OF POLITICAL AND PRESS FREEDOM IN THE REPUBLIC, AND THAT THEY LEFT SAIGON WITH FIRM INTENT TO SUPPORT GVN IN POSSIBLE CREDENTIALS CHALLENGE.

D. BRITISH DELEGATION. GROUP HEADED BY LORD JANNER ARRIVED SEPTEMBER 29 AND WILL LEAVE OCTOBER 1. DELEGATION INCLUDES LORDS MOUNTEVANS, DAVIES OF LEEK, STAMP, THE EARL OF CORK AND ORRERY AND THE SECRETARY OF THE BRITISH IPU CHAPTER, BRIGADIER PAUL WARD.

E. IRISH DELEGATION. TWO-MAN DELEGATION LED BY SEAN TRACY ARRIVED SEPTEMBER 29 FOR FOUR-DAY STAY.

F. THAI DELEGATION. AN ELEVEN-MEMBER DELEGATION FROM THAILAND ALSO ARRIVED ON SEPTEMBER 29. LED BY PRAPSKA AUYPHAI, THE DELEGATION WILL DEPART OCTOBER 1.
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